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SUBJECT: FURTHER CIA ALLEGATIONS BY PHILIP AGEE

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1. REFTEL REPORTED THAT DURING TV INTERVIEW AND AT PUBLIC MEETING EVENING SEPTEMBER 14 AGEE STATED THERE WAS A CIA OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF AMERICAN EMBASSY, KINGSTON, AND THAT HE HAD IDENTIFIED TO PROPER AUTHORITIES THE NAMES OF THE CIA AGENTS IN EMBASSY.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, AND TO USIS FSL WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE JAMAICA PRESS ASSOCIATION PUBLIC FUNCTION YESTERDAY EVENING, THE REPORTED BOMB THREAT WAS TELEPHONED TO POLICE WHO ENTERED THE MEETING AND ARRANGED FOR ITS TERMINATION DURING THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. IT DOES APPEAR THAT THE THREAT WAS A HOAX.

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3. FOREGOING MEETING WAS HELD IN A CHURCH HALL. THE

HALL CAPACITY IS APPROXIMATELY 1,000 AND THERE WAS A STANDING-ROOM ONLY AUDIENCE.

4. THE JBC TV INTERVIEW REPORTED REFTEL WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR LONG WITH QUESTIONS FROM A PANEL OF FOUR JAMAICANS WHO, THROUGH THE CHARACTER OF THEIR QUESTIONS AND THEIR AFFILIATIONS, WERE CLEARLY HAND-PICKED AS REPRESENTING THE EXTREME LEFT OF JAMAICA'S POLITICAL SPECTRUM. THEY WERE DR. RUPERT LEWIS, LECTURER OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES BUT PRESENT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WORKERS LIBERATION LEAGUE; PATRICK SMIKLE, A FREELANCE JOURNALIST AND AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SOCIAL ACTION CENTER; NOEL CARRUTHERS, JBC JOURNALIST (WHO WAS PARTICULARLY INARTICULATE AND PARTICIPATED BY READING A SERIES OF QUESTIONS WHICH SOUNDED AS IF THEY HAD BEEN WRITTEN BY THE CUBAN EMBASSY); AND REV. OLIVER DALY, SECRETARY OF THE JAMAICA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. NEARLY ALL OF THE QUESTIONS WERE LOADED.

5. LITTLE NEW EMERGED IN EITHER THE PUBLIC MEETING OR THE JBC INTERVIEW EXCEPT MORE SPECIFICS WERE OFFERED AS TO HOW THE CIA ALLEGEDLY OPERATES THROUGH AMERICAN BANKS, MISSIONARIES, AND OTHER PRIVATE CITIZENS OR ORGANIZATIONS. AGEE DURING THE JBC INTERVIEW SPECIFICALLY LABELLED THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK AS A BANK THROUGH WHICH CIA HAS OPERATED IN LATIN AMERICA (THERE ARE BRANCHES IN JAMAICA). WHILE REFUSING TO LABEL ALL BUSINESSMEN AND MISSIONARIES, AS CIA OPERATIVES, HE DID SUGGEST THAT ALMOST CERTAINLY SOME IN JAMAICA ARE BEING USED BY CIA. RE THE PEACE CORPS HE SAID THAT IT WAS "CLEAN" UNDER THE KENNEDY AND JOHNSON ADMINISTRATIONS BUT THAT "ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE" SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

6. OTHERWISE HIS REMARKS WERE PRETTY WELL A REPLAY OF EARLIER DIATRIBES, INCLUDING STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT JAMAICA IS BEING DESTABILIZED BECAUSE OF ITS IMPORTANCE TO U.S.

7. OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE, HUGH SMALL, LEFTIST PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY, WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROMINENTLY PRESENT IN THE FRONT ROW OF THE AUDIENCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING SPONSORED BY THE PRESS ASSOCIATION. THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT HE PLAYED A ROLE IN ORGANIZING THAT MEETING. THIS HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED. (IT WILL BE RECALLED FROM KINGSTON 3803 THAT WE ASSUME SMALL PLAYED ROLE IN ISSUING MEETING PERMITS, ETC.)
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